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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JACOBY ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey D. Carlson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.



DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

- Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because they do not set forth a concrete, useful and tangible result. Claim 1 provides a connection to the server (to play), but does not positively set forth the step of *playing* the ad. Without such positive step, no concrete, useful and tangible result is provided.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reilly et al (US5740549). Reilly et al teaches sending news content as well as targeted ads to a client computer. The client displays a window having a content area and ad area [fig 10]. An ad server uses the profile of the client user to determine the types of news content and ad content to deliver to the client display. The client stores the content in a local queue which is taken to act as a playlist [6:46-57]. Reilly et al does not specify the type of viewing program (data viewer), but rather its functionality. The data viewer [fig 10, 13:28-67] has different areas – one for news content and one for related ads. Reilly et al does not state whether the ad viewer is built with HTML as a webpage, but it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have used any well known programming techniques to provide such an interactive content and ad viewer. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have provided such a client applet using HTML frames and scripts to provide the content window and ad media player as a matter of design choice. Rendering the HTML-based data viewer inherently provides at least temporarily storing and using the parameters of the frame set. Reilly et al teaches that the ads are stored in a local queue and they are played in a particular order [14:1-5, 12:9-20]. This is taken to provide a playlist. Reilly et al also teaches that in some cases, full content may not be stored locally [13:48-60] and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have merely stored a playlist of links to content and ads on the ad server so that the content need not be stored locally and can be played from

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the ad server via the ad player upon request. In this manner, the client need not store content which the user may not require viewing.

Regarding claim 2, 3, Reilly et al teaches that the ads are related to the content being other being viewed [13:61-65].

Regarding claim 4, Reilly et al teaches that statistics are kept regarding which ads have been displayed [9:18-30].

Regarding claim 5, Reilly et al teaches that the displayed ads may include embedded URL/links to the advertiser's webpage where more information can be seen about a particular product.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Guyot et al (US6119098) also teaches an ad server which sends playlists of ad content to be subsequently viewed on the client device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey D. Carlson whose telephone number is 703-308-3402. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6p, (off on alternate Fridays).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on 703-305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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